

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another daring rescue mission today -- deep in the Congo. A force of government troops -- led by white mercenaries -- liberating more than one hundred twenty white hostages. The whites mostly missionaries -- part of a group held captive in the town of Wambe -- in the Northeastern Congo. The survivors rushed to a flight strip at Paulis -- then flown back to Leopoldville -- and safety.

But for many of the hostages -- the rescue operation -- too late. Survivors reporting nearly thirty of their number -- slain by the Communist-backed rebels. At least ten of the white hostages -- said to have been killed and eaten by the rebels -- on Christmas Day. Another almost incredible tale of horror -- from equatorial Africa.

UNITED NATIONS follow Congo

In the United Nations - which is still wrestling with the Congo question - a compromise today. The move forestalling once again a showdown - between the United States and Russia.

The situation was this. The U.N. threatened with a crippling blow - Constitutional invalidation of its eleven-member Security Council - pending the election of four new members. At the same time, the U.S. still blocking Russia's right to vote in any election - until Russia pays her U.N. peace-keeping debts. And that Russia still refuses to do.

The compromise then - the work of U.N. President Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana. The Ghanaian asking - and getting permission from the General Assembly - to conduct a private poll to nominate the four new members of the Security Council.

Uruguay, the Netherlands and Malaysia - quickly selected to fill three of the vacancies. Then elected to the Security Council by acclamation - before the full General Assembly. Jordan and Mali - to compete in a run-off for the fourth spot - tomorrow morning.

A face-saving solution to one aspect of the U.N. political and financial crisis, <sup>with</sup> ~~but~~ the main bout - merely postponed a few more days.

## STRIKE

That system-wide strike on the Southern Railway -  
ordered ended tonight by a Federal judge. The court-ordered  
injunction expected to end the tie-up - at least for now - in  
all thirteen states served by the Southern line.

The strike - less than a day old - over an issue  
long-debated in railway labor-management negotiations,  
whether a fireman still is needed on deisel locomotives - as  
the brotherhoods claim, or, whether his presence is an  
instance of featherbedding - as the railroads have long  
maintained.

The matter supposedly settled last year - in  
national arbitration. The settlement providing that no  
firemen would be discharged - but, no replacements would be  
hired. However, the Southern Railway - not a party to  
that agreement, and now forced to rely on a court order - to  
avoid a shutdown.

## HOUSE

Two Democratic Congressmen who supported Senator Barry Goldwater in the recent Presidential campaign - threatened today with loss of seniority and party-standing in the House. ~~of Representatives,~~ The two Congressmen - both Southerners:- ~~Representative~~ John Bell Williams of Mississippi and ~~Representative~~ Albert Watson of South Carolina. Liberal Democrats <sup>are</sup> said to be ~~mounting~~ <sup>organizing</sup> a purge against the Southerners-as part of an eight-point program for overhauling House procedures. Main point in the plan - a proposal to permit the Speaker of the House to call for an immediate vote - on any bill held up more than twenty-one days by the House Rules Committee. This ~~is~~ a clear-cut move to undermine that heretofore all-important body - a frequent stumbling block for liberal legislation. The issue to be decided at the Democratic caucus - on Saturday.

## REPUBLICANS

Meanwhile, the Republican leadership scramble -  
continues ~~unabated~~<sup>with</sup> Senator Goldwater today laying his  
personal reputation on the line - in an effort to assure the  
retention of Dean Burch as Republican National Chairman.  
Goldwater sending a personal letter - to all one hundred  
thirty-two members of the Republican National Committee,  
Telling the committee that the ouster of Burch - would be a  
repudiation of himself - Goldwater, that is - and <sup>of</sup> the whole  
Conservative movement within the Republican Party.

MALAYSIA

Nine more Indonesian guerillas - captured today on the Island of Singapore. The third Indonesian raiding party intercepted by Malaysian forces - in less than a week. The guerillas said to be armed with cases of high explosives - and Russian-made grenades. Another setback for Indonesia - in its war of harrassment.



## QUAKE

*A new series of earthquakes today - in and around Japan and the Japanese Sea. Reports of the tremors pouring in - from Northern, Central and Western Japan. The quakes - the latest in an extended series of tremors - now in the third week. None serious - but as many as ninety of them in a single day.*

*At the same time - a volcano on the Island of Oshima - sixty miles south of Tokyo, Mount Mihara has been erupting eighteen times - bombarding the countryside with red hot rocks, its plume of volcanic fire and smoke - rising a mile into the sky.*

*So far - no reports of damage - or casualties.*



## LOVE

"Where are the lovers of yesteryear? Where are their beauties?" That's the lament tonight from Paris-Jour- the French newspaper. Paris-Jour venting its wrath in particular - on two famous couples, Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor - and Brigitte Bardot and her Bob Zaguri.

"The lovers of 1964" - says Paris-Jour - "wage their quarrels in public with childish ferocity. No shame - no pride - holds them back". The tabloid further citing Burton's description of Miss Taylor - she's not beautiful and she has a double chin. And Zaguri's description of Miss Bardot - selfish, egotistical, heartless and vain.

"The modern woman" - say the Paris - paper, "has knocked herself out to be the equal of man. The result - she is treated like one of the boys". The famous lovers of 1964 - concludes Paris-Jour - nothing but a bunch of "slobs."  
-Dick- harsh words, from Paris, city of light and love.

A year ago, Everett Cunningham - twenty-nine -  
arrested by Pittsburgh police when apprehended with  
poundful of seeds. Marijuana seeds - that is. Tried and  
convicted possession of narcotics, Cunningham appealed  
on the grounds that the seeds - were not fertile. With  
the marijuana was planted in a flower box at the  
Pittsburgh Police Crime Lab.

According to the latest farm report - marijuana  
is doing well. And Cunningham harvested a bumper crop today,  
worth about \$10,000. Two-to-five years in prison - and a fine of  
\$10,000.

EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the United Nations today -- the first vote on the question . The eleven-nation Security Council approving-- at dissent -- a resolution calling for an end to all foreign intervention in the Congo. The Security Council voting to assign a future role of peace-keeper there -- to the Organization of African Unity --rather than the United Nations.

The vote -- ten to nothing -- with only France abstaining.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson's New Year's message to the Soviet Union -- a note of cautious optimism. The President tonight expressing the hope -- that nineteen sixty-five will be a year of "substantial progress" -- toward peace. Adding that ~~nothing~~ effective arms control - "can make this a safer, happier world for all peoples."

The President's message contained in personal letters - to <sup>the</sup> Soviet Premier ~~Alexey Kossygin~~ <sup>and the USSR</sup> and President Anastas Mikoyan. In conclusion, Mr. Johnson extending to the Soviet leaders -- on behalf of himself and the American people -- "greetings and best wishes for the New Year."

POPE

Still another year-end message -- one in which, perhaps, we call all join . The Pope -- in his last General Audience of the year -- presenting this prayer. "Let us forgive offenses -- and forge them. Indeed, let us ourselves ask forgiveness for our sins -- and time wasted. Promising to make better use -- of the time conceded to us? in the New Year. That from Pope Paul - in Rome.

But from Communist China today -- a year-end message

quite different in nature. Red Premier Chou En-Lai warning

that China has now solved its ~~economic~~ internal problems --

and is ready again to ~~increase the export of~~ <sup>expand</sup> its revolutionary

influence abroad. Chou En-Lai calling for the "broadest

united front" -- among Communists in Asia, Africa and Latin

America. Further warning the U.S. that if we enlarge the

war in Indochina -- the Red Chinese will not stand idly by.

In such an ~~event~~ <sup>event</sup> -- the only result would be "a more

disastrous defeat" for the United States. So says the Red

premier.

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## BOMB

*At almost the same moment, Red China's latest nuclear proposal -- rejected today by the State Department. Peking calling for a formal agreement between the U.S. and China -- agreement that neither will ever be the first to use nuclear weapons against the other. The U.S. rejection calls the Chinese proposal - a smokescreen, designed to hide Red China's refusal - to enter into any kind of nuclear test ban.*

*The U.S. note adding that nuclear disarmament can be considered -- only against a background of total disarmament. And this - of course - the Red Chinese will have no part of.*

## INDIA

Meanwhile, In India--a massive round-up of alleged Red agents. Indian police seizing more than five hundred persons--suspected members of a Red Chinese "fifth column."

The suspects--all pro-Peking Communists, who broke away from the parent Communist party six months ago--in the ideological split between Russia and Red China. The arrests today taking place under special emergency regulations. The emergency laws--permitting the government to imprison suspected enemy agents--without trial.

A government source alleging tonight that the Red Chinese are poised for another attack on India--an attack that could come at any time. This massive round-up a government attempt to prevent organized sabotage--on the vast subcontinent of Hindustan.



## NIGERIA

The new Republic of Nigeria -- holding its first general election today -- amid reports of nationwide chaos. Thousands of polling places -- smashed by demonstrators. Tens of thousands of voters -- boycotting the election. And at the same time -- a nationwide strike of railway and public works employees.

Nigeria -- a country of fifty-six million -- about half again as big as Texas. Considered by many -- the model new African state, ~~but~~ torn tonight by political dissension -- fanned by religious and tribal differences, <sup>The country split</sup> between ~~Nigerians~~ <sup>the</sup> two main regions - the North and East.

The newspaper WEST AFRICAN PILOT -- spokesman for the ruling National Alliance - stating the situation in the bluntest of terms. "Should we fail to pull together"- says the WEST AFRICAN PILOT - "the Congo mess will be child's play -- compared with what will happen here."

The newspaper asking -- "is this it?" Is this it, indeed.

## LOVE

*True love conquers all -- or so they say. And perhaps they're right. A case in point -- the romance of Andrea Walder, an Austrian newspaperwoman -- and Tibor Karman, and Hungarian sculptor - remember?*

*Earlier this year. Andrea caught - trying to smuggle Tibor across the Czech frontier. The lovers sentenced to six months a piece - in a Communist jail.*

*Returning to her homeland -- carrying her case to the Austrian government, foreign officials pressed her plea. And finally, the surprise Tibor Karman's release. Also permission to leave Hungary.*

*Tonight -- the happy couple united in marriage. And on the right side at last -- of the Iron Curtain.*

Reports from Macao -- the Portuguese enclave on  
China Coast -- tell tonight of a novel solution to the  
problem of juvenile delinquency. The police -- fed up with  
gangs of "ah feis" -- the Portuguese equivalent of  
Gang Boys. Finally retaliating by arresting the youngsters --  
shaving their heads -- and painting their bald pates with  
red varnish. To the "ah feis" -- many of them Beatle fans --  
shaving is worse than death.

The jackpot in a London football pool goes today --

old-age pensioner of seventy-seven. His take --

dred twenty thousand dollars -- on a one-penny bet.

The lucky man -- Joseph Almond, of Sussex, a retired

agent. His win -- one of the highest ever paid

620,000 bucks -- Dick!  
British football pool. And all tax free.

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SAM PRYOR

*In a few hours I will be taking off on another trans-oceanic flight, this time heading for East Africa.*

*As you all know, in this jet era you can go almost anywhere with what, to me, is still unbelievable speed. For instance, I have just been chatting with Sam Pryor, one of the heads of Pan American Airways. Whenever I talk to him I go away slightly bewildered. He always seems to be coming back from the other side of the globe.*

*Perhaps you saw the January Reader's Digest with the article about his most unusual collection of dolls, thousands of them from just about every country on earth. Although he keeps them in a large and handsome museum at Greenwich, Connecticut, at the moment, some hundreds of them are on display in Japan, where they are proving to be something of a sensation. Returning from Japan, Sam Pryor brought the daughter of the Emperor to America, the Japanese Princess who is here at the moment, and who will be at the <sup>ORANGE</sup> Bowl game in Miami this weekend.*

*<sup>Pan Am's</sup>  
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Christmas dinner with one son and his family in Paris. Then they boarded a plane and flew back to New York and had Christmas dinner in the evening with another son and his family. That's what you can do in this fantastic jet age.

And here I go again. So long.